

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 8, 17 and 18 as follows:

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8. (Amended) A method of selecting a radio system within a multi-mode mobile station wherein said multi-mode mobile station is capable of selectively communicating over a first radio system and a second radio system, said method comprising the steps of:

- accessing said first radio system by said multi-mode mobile station;
- periodically receiving a message signal over a control channel associated with said first radio system;
- determining the number of message signals received within a first predetermined time period;
- determining the error rate associated with said message signals received within a second predetermined time period; and,
- accessing said second radio system in response to a determination that the number of message signals received within said first predetermined time period meets a first threshold value, but that said error rate associated with said message signals exceeds a second threshold value.

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17. (Amended) A multi-mode mobile station for selectively communication over a first radio system and a second radio system wherein said first radio system is preferred over said second radio system, comprising:

means for determining whether said first radio system is available to provide service;

means for accessing said first radio system;

means for receiving messages over a control channel associated with said first radio system;

means for determining an error rate associated with said received messages;

means for comparing said determined error rate against a particular threshold value;

and

means for accessing said second radio system in response to a determination that said determined error rate exceeds said particular threshold value.

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18. (Amended) The multi-mode mobile station of claim 17 wherein said messages received over said control channel comprise page messages over a page channel (PCH).